Decline in area under coarse cereals is observed as a long-term trend because of shift in cropping pattern due to extension of irrigation facilities and also to oilseeds crops under rainfed conditions as these are more remunerative as compared to coarse cereals. There is no declining trend as such in yield of coarse cereals as rate of growth of productivity of coarse cereals during the period 1980-81 to 1994-95 was observed at 2.31 per cent per annum. However, there was some down-ward fluctuations during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 because of adverse rainfall and weather conditions. The yield per hectare of coarse cereals again showed an upward trend during 1995-96.

(c) The productivity of coarse cereals in India as compared with some of the developing countries during 1994 is as follows:-

Country	*Yield (Kgs./Hectare)*
Afghanistan	1316
Bangladesh	743
India	1016
Indonesia	2177
Iraq	841
Iran	1541
Malaysia	1905
Pakistan	977
Phillipines	1722
Sri Lanka	973
Sudan	471
Tanzania	1085
Algeria	702
Nigeria	1055
Guyana	1174

(d) In order to increase the production and productivity, a centrally sponsored scheme on Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Area (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) is being implemented in 830 identified blocks in the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Sikkim.

बालवाडियो और नारीनिकेतनों की लेखा परीक्षा

683. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री एस०एस०सुरजेवाला:

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में बालवाडियों और नारीनिकेतनों की राज्य-वार संख्या क्या है;

(ख) इनमें से कितनो का रख-रखाव सरकारी और कितनों का रख-रखाव निजी एजेंसियों द्वारा किया जाता है;

(ग) गत एक वर्ष के दौरान उन पर राज्यवार कितनी धनराशि खर्च हुई और क्या ऐसे व्यय की लेखा परीक्षा की गई;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को उपर्युक्त संस्थाओं में निधियों के दुरूपयोग की कोई सूचना प्राप्त हुई है;

(ड.) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(च) क्या चालू वर्ष के दौरान ऐसी और बालवाडियां और नारीनिकेतन खोलने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(छ) यदि हां, तो उसका राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री एस०आर० बोम्मई): (क) से (छ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर प्रस्तुत कर दी जायेगी।

Intensive Oilseed Production Programme in Madhya Pradesh

684. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are implementing a centrally sponsored scheme of Intensive Oilseed Production Programme in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) what incentives are being given to the farmers of the State under the programme; and

(d) what results have since been achieved under the programme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Oilseed Production Programme (OPP) is in operation in 45 selected districts of the State of Madhya

Pradesh on 75:25% share basis between the Central Govt. & the State Govt. The Oilseed crops covered under the programme are Groundnut, Soyabean, Rapeseed-Mustard, Sesamum, Niger, Sunflower & Linseed. The State has also been given the option to include any crop/variety of Oilseeds which has the potential in the State.

(c) and (d) Under the project, assistance is provided for production & distribution of Seeds, distribution of minikits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, Rhyzobium Culture, Gypsum/pyrite etc. In addition, front-line and general demonstrations are conducted on farmer's fields to transfer the production technology.

As a result of implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) in the State, the production of Oilseeds has increased from 35.87 lakh tonnes during 1994-95 to 49.82 lakh tonnes as estimated during 1995-96, which is an all time record production of oilseeds in the State.

सरधना, मेरठ में कागज की मिल द्वारा उत्पन्न प्रदूषण

685. **श्री सोमपाल:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मेरठ जिले के ऐतिहासिक कस्बे सरधना में एक कागज की मिल के तरल अवशेषों के कारण भारी प्रदूषण हो रहा है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस मिल के बहिस्राव को ऊपरी गंगा नहर में छोड़ा जा रहा है और इस कारण नहर का पानी भी अत्यधिक संदूषित हो रहा है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है अथवा करने जा रही है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन जय नारायण प्रसाद निषाद): (क) मेरठ जिले में सरधना स्थित पेपर मिल ने बहिस्राव शोधन संयंत्र लगा लिया है। तथापि, शोधित बहिस्राव निर्धारित मानकों के अनुरूप नहीं है।

(ख) जी, नहीं। पेपर मिल के शोधित बहिस्रावों को नाले में छोड़ा जा रहा है।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड और केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा निर्धारित मानकों के अनुपालन की स्थिति की समय-समय पर मानीटरी की जा रही है। एक सार्वजनिक हित वाद मामले में यह मामला माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय में न्यायाधीन है।

Extension of AC coach in Saurashtra Mail

686. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the proposals received from various quarters in Gujarat for the extension of AC coach in Saurashtra Mail upto Okha;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal is under consideration and action as found justified and feasible will be taken.

Upgradation of Schools in Uttar Pradesh

687. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 741 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the orders issued by the former Governor and Chief Minister of UP in respect of upgradation of schools in the hill district of Uttar Pradesh are not being implemented;

(b) whether such orders for upgradation of school at Village Bedgaon, Block Kaljikhal have not been implemented at the ground level, due to inaction of the local administrative authoriteis;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the above upgradation is likely to be really implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Encouragement to Sports in rural areas

688. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: